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No more than half a lot could be covered...

COUNCILMEMBER DENIS INTRODUCES BILL TO LIMIT PAVING OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS

In a bid to protect the residential ambiance of Montgomery neighborhoods, Councilmember Howard Denis today introduced a measure that would limit the amount of a front yard or an entire lot that could be paved or covered with gravel or any other impervious surface.

The legislation would apply to two small lot zones, the R-60 and R-90 zones. The County currently places no limit on the amount of paving in these zones.

"When residents pave over much, if not all, of their front yard, the property takes on a commercial appearance and the residential feel of the neighborhood suffers," said Councilmember Denis. "Increasing the impervious surface also reduces water runoff, with adverse environmental consequences."

"Even with this limit, a front yard could still contain a driveway two cars wide and additional parking spaces."

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